Licences and permits to MNCs for prospecting of minerals in AP

2530. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether prospecting licences or reconnaissance permits have been granted by Government in favour of multinational companies for aerial prospecting of minerals in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the multinationals will also tap the minerals in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Under Section 5(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, only an Indian national or a company registered in India can be granted a reconnaissance permit, prospecting licence or mining lease for exploration or mining of minerals. As such, under the existing scheme of the mining legislation, a foreign company is not allowed to undertake reconnaissance/prospecting/mining operations. However, on the rcommendations of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, approvals have been given by the Central Government under Section 5(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 for grant of 27 Reconnaissance Permits in favour of Indian Companies many of which are the subsidiaries formed by foreign companies. The details are given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Tapping the minerals depends on techno-economic viability of the deposits, if established on the basis of reconnaissance operations and subsequent prospecting.

Statement

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Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Minerals	Area (in Sq. Kms.)
1.		2	3
1.	M/s. De-Beers India Prospecting Pvt. Ltd.	Diamond & other associated minerals	843.000
2.	M/s. De-Beers India Prospecting Pvt. Ltd.	Diamond & other associated minerals	300.000
3.	M/s. De-Beers India Surveys Pvt. Ltd.	Gold, diamond & associated minerals	2333.000
4.	M/s. AMIL Mining India Pvt. Ltd.	Diamond, gold & associated minerals	1028.000
5.	M/s. CRA Exploration (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Diamond, gold & associated minerals	2160.000
6.	M/s. CRA Exploration (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Diamond & other precious minerals including gold, silver, bismuth & cadmium	2760.000
7.	M/s. CRA Exploration (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Diamond, gold, silver, bismuth & cadmium	2240.000
8.	M/s. CRA Exploration (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Diamond, gold, silver, bismuth & cadmium	2170.000

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Minerals	Area (in Sq. Kms.)
1		2	3
9.	M/s. Phelps Dodge Exploration (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, silver, gold, barytes and associated minerals	2770.000
10.	M/s. Phelps Dodge Exploration (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, silver, gold, barytes and associated minerals	2565.000
11.	M/s. Geomysore Services (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel, tungsten, antimony, bismuth, arsenic, cobalt, molybdenum and platinum group of metals	350.000
12.	M/s. Geomysore Services (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel, tungsten, antimony, bismuth, arsenic, cobalt, molybdenum and platinum group of metals	240.000
13.	M/s. Geomysore Services (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel, tungsten, antimony, bismuth, arsenic, cobalt, molybdenum and platinum group of metals	375.000

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14.	M/s. Geomysore Services (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel, tungsten, antimony, bismuth, arsenic, cobalt, molybdenum and platinum group of metals	260.000
15.	M/s. AMIL Mining India Pvt. Ltd.	Diamond and associated minerals	481.000
16.	M/s. De-Beers India Prospecting Pvt. Ltd.	Gold, diamond and other associated minerals	1721.000
17.	M/s. Geomysore Services (India) (Pvt.) Ltd.	Gold, copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel, tungsten, arsenic, cobalt, molybdenum and platinum group of metals	1970.000
18.	M/s. De-Beers India Surveys Pvt. Ltd.	Gold, diamond and associated minerals	2000.000
19.	M/s. De-Beers India Minerals Pvt. Ltd.	Gold, diamond and other minerals specified in first Schedule, Part 'C'	2000.000
20.	M/s. AMIL Mining India Pvt. Ltd.	Diamond, gold and other associated minerals	65.000

1	2	3	4
21.	M/s. Phelps Dodge Exploration (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, silver, barytes, diamond, gold and associated minerals	1283.000
22.	M/s. Geomysore Services (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Gold, copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel, tungsten, antimony, bismuth, arsenic, cobalt, molybdenum, platinum group of metals	80.000
23.	M/s. Phelps Dodge Exploration (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, silver, gold, diamond and associated minerals	327.000
24.	M/s. AMIL Mining (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Diamond, precious stones and associated minerals	1764.000
25.	M/s. Geomysore Services (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Gold, copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel, tungsten, antimony, bismuth, arsenic, cobalt, molybdenum, platinum group of metals and diamond	150.000
26.	M/s. AMIL Mining India Pvt. Ltd.	Diamond, precious stones and associated minerals	1757.000
27.	M/s. AMIL Mining India Pvt. Ltd.	Diamond, precious stones and associated minerals	1427.000